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PATENT  
Docket No. GC724

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Bott et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Serial No.: 10/091,912 ) Examiner: D. Steadman  
Filed: March 5, 2002 )  
For: Mutant *Pseudomonas mendocina* )  
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Response to Final Office Action Mailed September 27, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 27, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A complete set of Claims (Indicating the status of each Claim), begins on page 2. The Remarks begin on page 6, and the Conclusion is on page 11. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1763646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).